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IN SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICES

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Dear Sir:

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
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In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(a), Applicants respectfully request that this Information Disclosure Statement be entered and that the listed references be considered by the Examiner and made of record. Copies of the listed references are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

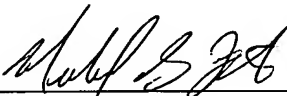
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Respectfully submitted,

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